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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Projects Control Staff, ORR  
Thru : Chief, Industrial Division  
Thru : Acting Chief, Weapons and Ammunition Branch *See*  
FROM : [REDACTED]

DATE: 21 August 1956

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SUBJECT: Release of Army Project 8925 to SHAPE

1. A paper entitled "The Armored Vehicle Industry of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1945-1955" is to be published by the Department of the Army as Project 8925. This project was done at the request of the EIC, and the military services and CIA provided a working member of the group. The Military Information Control Committee desires to release the project to SHAPE and it subordinate commands. In order to do this, it is necessary to obtain permission from CIA.

2. As the only CIA representative to have worked on this project, I can say that the project contains no reference to sensitive sources nor any information that is not releasable to foreign nationals.

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*This project is a composite work of analysts from CIA, Office of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, and Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U.S. Army. CIA made no written contribution, nor can any page be identified as the work of CIA only.*

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Office of the Chief, Economic Research  
Office of Research and Reports

Project Action Memorandum

Project No. 31.724  
DATE: 10 May 1955

TITLE: Armored Fighting Vehicle Industry of the SovBloc 1945-1955

REQUESTER: EIC (Armaments Subcommittee)

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM AND TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Problem: To prepare a comprehensive report on the armored fighting vehicle industry of the Soviet Bloc.

Terms of Reference: 1. To prepare Soviet Bloc production estimates for the period 1945 through 1955.

2. To estimate annual inventories by type and model for the period 1945 through 1955.

RESPONSIBILITY:

	<u>Manhours</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Concurrence (Initials)</u>
<u>Action Division:</u>	<u>D/I</u>	<u>30 Sept 55</u>	<u>J. H.</u>
<u>Branch:</u>	<u>I/WA</u>	<u>750*</u>	

Staff: St/FR

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Project Monitor: [REDACTED] ext. 2803

This project will not delay completion of currently scheduled projects. The classification of this project will be no higher than SECRET.

\* Includes approximately 150 hours prior to 1 April. In ST/RC  
Records 600 may be used for the estimated manhours. H. D. M.

APPROVED E. H. Ch/E.

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file with  
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Lt.Col. Benedict A. Karnosky of the Secretariat,  
SDMICC, Room 1D762 (Phone 131 Ext 5-4136) advised OCR  
that G-2 desired to release their project "The Armored Vehicle  
Industry of the Sino-Soviet Bloc" to SHAPE and requested  
CIA's approval of release of its portion of this study.

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that the report was almost entirely a G-2 product and that  
no ORR or CIA material or sources went into it. The report was  
written during a conference at which ORR was represented and

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did not write any portion of the report. Therefore it  
was not necessary for ORR or CIA to give its approval of  
a G-2 report nor its release to SHAPE.

Margaret Tobin of G-2 was advised --by DD/CR that  
CIA had no official responsibility in this release and  
that it was not necessary for ORR to give a "release". She  
was advised to contact Karnosky regarding the matter.

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